

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Joe,

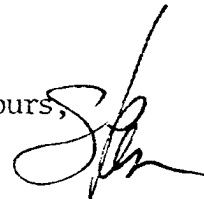
I was glad to receive your 13 June letter and please excuse the long delay in responding. I have perused the papers you sent along with it, and think you have set the right course.

I hope that your modeling work will be utilized in your absence at CincSouth. The need is indeed great. I am sending copies of your papers to my intelligence analysts; I feel that some of this kind of thinking might be useful in several areas other than Thrace. Too often mammoth computer programs have been thought to be the answer when in fact aggregated models such as yours would have served better; to paraphrase your comment, "Such models serve to concentrate the mind."

I appreciate your thoughts on the SAM problem. I have passed them on to the quarters where we must be thinking about that sort of thing.

Warm regards to you and Ruth.

Yours,



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